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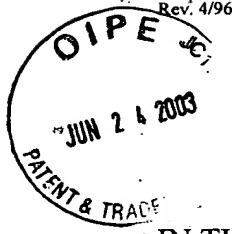
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FOR: S-ADENOSYL-L-METHIONINE SYNTHETASE
PROMOTER AND ITS USE IN EXPRESSION OF
TRANSGENIC GENES IN PLANTS

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This is in response to the Office Action dated April 22, 2003, finally rejecting claims 13-24 of the above-identified application. Applicants respectfully request entry of this Response After Final because it is believed to place the claims in form for allowance or, in the alternative, to place the claims in better form for consideration on appeal. Reconsideration is respectfully requested and the following is submitted in support thereof.